

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's Unemployment Rate Decreases to 4.8 Percent** **Payroll Employment Up 900 Jobs**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in July, down from 4.9 percent in June, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) reported today. A year ago, in July 2005, California's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent.

According to EDD's survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 900 jobs over the month, for a total of 14,983,700.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in July was 16,916,000. This was an increase of 47,000 from June, and up 155,000 from the employment total in July of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 860,000 – a decline of 15,000 over the month, and down by 72,000 compared with July of last year.

Of the unemployed, 263,100 were laid off, 82,100 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 320,479 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the July survey week. This compares with 309,675 last month and 339,487 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 36,480 in July 2006, compared with 40,414 in June and 37,436 in July of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 14,983,700 in July, a net gain of 900 jobs since the June survey. This followed a gain of 18,600 jobs (as revised) in June.

Six of the categories (**natural resources and mining; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; other services** and **government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 17,900 jobs. Government showed the largest gain, up by 8,300 jobs. Five categories (**construction; manufacturing; information; professional and business services; and educational and health services**) reported job declines this month, down 17,000 jobs. Educational and health services posted the largest decline over the month, down by 6,900 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (July 2005 to July 2006), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 192,000 jobs (up 1.3 percent).

Nine industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; construction; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 201,700 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 45,500 jobs (a 2.1 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 4.3 percent (adding 1,000 jobs).

Two categories (**manufacturing** and **information**) posted job declines over the year, down 9,700 jobs. On a numerical basis, manufacturing employment showed the largest decline, down by 5,600 jobs (a decline of 0.4 percent).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **leisure and hospitality** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 8,400 jobs. The gains were divided between the accommodation and food service sector (up 4,500 jobs) and the arts, entertainment and recreation sector (up 3,900 jobs). **Government** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 120,600 jobs. Reflecting the end of the school year, the losses were centered in local and state education, which declined by 111,600 jobs and 18,400 jobs, respectively.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 50,600 jobs. The gains were primarily in the administrative and support and waste services sector (up 25,700 jobs) and the professional, scientific and technical services sector (up 22,700 jobs). The largest decrease over the year was in **manufacturing**, which was down by 4,400 jobs. The losses were mainly in the durable goods sector (down 4,300 jobs), and primarily in computer and electronic products (down 2,100 jobs) and furniture and related products (down 1,800 jobs).

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	July 2006 (prelim.)	June 2006	July 2005	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	14,983.7	14,982.8	14,791.7	1.3
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	24.4	24.2	23.4	4.3
Construction . . . . .	920.4	922.5	907.7	1.4
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,506.7	1,508.0	1,512.3	-0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,838.5	2,835.3	2,819.6	0.7
Information . . . . .	465.7	471.3	469.8	-0.9
Financial activities . . . . .	942.5	942.0	929.4	1.4
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,196.8	2,197.9	2,151.3	2.1
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,607.1	1,614.0	1,579.1	1.8
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,514.2	1,511.6	1,474.2	2.7
Other services . . . . .	523.2	520.1	511.3	2.3
Government* . . . . .	2,444.2	2,435.9	2,413.6	1.3
Agriculture . . . . .	378.2	374.6	368.6	2.6

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	July 2006	June 2006	May 2006	July 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,776,000	17,744,000	17,794,000	17,693,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,916,000	16,869,000	16,908,000	16,761,000
Unemployment . . . . .	860,000	875,000	886,000	932,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.3
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.8	4.6	4.6	5.0

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	July 2006	June 2006	May 2006	July 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,921,000	17,779,000	17,717,000	17,807,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,007,000	16,899,000	16,897,000	16,813,000
Unemployment . . . . .	914,000	880,000	820,000	994,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.1	4.9	4.6	5.6

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**JULY 2006; 2005 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>17,921,300</b>	<b>17,006,900</b>	<b>914,400</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
ALAMEDA	758,500	721,100	37,300	4.9%
ALPINE	470	430	40	8.5%
AMADOR	16,970	16,110	860	5.0%
BUTTE	100,400	94,000	6,400	6.4%
CALAVERAS	21,090	19,950	1,140	5.4%
COLUSA	10,580	9,660	910	8.6%
CONTRA COSTA	518,700	495,700	23,000	4.4%
DEL NORTE	10,950	10,180	770	7.1%
EL DORADO	92,700	88,600	4,100	4.4%
FRESNO	416,800	384,700	32,100	7.7%
GLENN	11,700	10,730	970	8.3%
HUMBOLDT	59,800	56,400	3,400	5.7%
IMPERIAL	64,300	53,200	11,100	17.3%
INYO	9,600	9,180	420	4.4%
KERN	336,900	311,900	25,100	7.4%
KINGS	57,300	52,800	4,500	7.9%
LAKE	26,550	24,820	1,740	6.5%
LASSEN	12,450	11,560	900	7.2%
LOS ANGELES	4,882,100	4,634,800	247,300	5.1%
MADERA	64,800	60,500	4,300	6.6%
MARIN	131,300	126,200	5,100	3.9%
MARIPOSA	9,860	9,400	450	4.6%
MENDOCINO	43,850	41,640	2,220	5.1%
MERCED	98,700	89,700	9,100	9.2%
MODOC	4,130	3,840	290	6.9%
MONO	8,600	8,190	410	4.7%
MONTEREY	214,600	203,000	11,700	5.4%
NAPA	74,000	71,200	2,700	3.7%
NEVADA	50,900	48,760	2,140	4.2%
ORANGE	1,617,200	1,555,900	61,300	3.8%
PLACER	165,900	159,200	6,700	4.0%
PLUMAS	11,020	10,400	620	5.6%
RIVERSIDE	867,000	821,400	45,600	5.3%
SACRAMENTO	688,700	655,000	33,700	4.9%
SAN BENITO	24,700	23,200	1,500	6.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	880,700	836,000	44,700	5.1%
SAN DIEGO	1,519,200	1,453,600	65,500	4.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	423,400	403,500	19,800	4.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	290,000	268,800	21,200	7.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	131,600	126,200	5,400	4.1%
SAN MATEO	366,900	352,000	14,900	4.1%
SANTA BARBARA	215,900	207,300	8,600	4.0%
SANTA CLARA	825,600	784,500	41,100	5.0%
SANTA CRUZ	147,200	139,800	7,400	5.0%
SHASTA	81,200	76,100	5,200	6.4%
SIERRA	1,670	1,560	110	6.4%
SISKIYOU	19,010	17,660	1,340	7.1%
SOLANO	214,700	203,500	11,100	5.2%
SONOMA	255,400	244,500	10,900	4.3%
STANISLAUS	232,400	214,100	18,300	7.9%
SUTTER	42,000	38,700	3,300	7.9%
TEHAMA	25,050	23,410	1,640	6.5%
TRINITY	5,220	4,800	420	8.0%
TULARE	189,300	173,400	15,900	8.4%
TUOLUMNE	26,120	24,720	1,410	5.4%
VENTURA	423,300	403,500	19,700	4.7%
YOLO	95,400	90,900	4,500	4.7%
YUBA	27,000	24,700	2,300	8.5%